GOVERNMENT OF ANDHRA PRADESH
ABSTRACT

Public Services - PR&RD Department - Disciplinary proceedings against Smt R.Hassibunissa, Senior Auditor, O/o the Assistant Audit Officer, State Audit, Srikalahasti, under Rule 20 of the Andhra Pradesh Civil Services (Classification, Control and Appeal) 1991 -Initiated - Article of Charges - Issued.

PANCHAYAT RAJ & RURAL DEVELOPMENT (VIG.V) DEPARTMENT

G.O.Rt.No.374 **Dated:29/05/2024**

Read the following:

1.Vigilance Report No.21 (C.No.450/V&E/D2/2018),Dated:29.12.2020, received from the G.A.(V&E) Department.
2. U.O.Note No.FIN01-HODS0ADSA (ESM)/27/2021-ADMN-III,Dt.12.12.2021 received from the Finance Department.
3.From Director, State Audit Department, Mangalagiri, AP Letter Roc.No. 1401878/L/2023 dated:09/12/2023.
4. G.O.Ms.No.42, PR&RD (VIG-V) Department, dated:29/05/2024.

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O R D E R:-

It is proposed to hold an inquiry Smt R.Hassibunissa, Senior Auditor, O/o the Assistant Audit Officer, State Audit, Srikalahasti, conducted the audit of contingency bills without verifying the signatures of Panchayat Secretary in the contingency form which shows callousness in their casual auditing which was loss to the Government, in accordance with the procedure laid down in Rule 20 of the APCS (CCA) Rules, 1991.

2. The substance of the imputations of misconduct or misbehavior in respect of which the inquiry is proposed to be held is set out in the enclosed statement of articles of charges (Annexure-I). A statement of the imputations of misconduct or mis-behaviour in support of each article of charge is enclosed (Annexure-II). A list of documents by which, and a list of witnesses by whom, the articles of charges are proposed to be sustained are also enclosed (Annexure-III and IV).

3 Smt R.Hassibunissa, Senior Auditor, O/o the Assistant Audit Officer, State Audit, Srikalahasti, is directed to submit a written statement of defense within Ten [10] days from the date of receipt of this order.

4. Smt R.Hassibunissa, Senior Auditor, O/o the Assistant Audit Officer, State Audit, Srikalahasti, is informed that an inquiry will be held only in respect of those articles of charges as are not admitted. She should, therefore, specifically admit or deny each article of charge.

5. Smt R.Hassibunissa, Senior Auditor, O/o the Assistant Audit Officer, State Audit, Srikalahasti, is further informed that, if she does not submit her written statement of defense on or before the date specified in para 3 above or otherwise fails or refuses to comply with the provisions of rule 20 of Andhra Pradesh Civil Services (Classification, Control and Appeal) Rules, 1991 or the order/directions issued in pursuance of the said rules, the Inquiry Authority may hold the inquiry against her exparte, based on the material available on record.

6. Smt R.Hassibunissa, Senior Auditor, O/o the Assistant Audit Officer, State Audit, Srikalahasti, is invited to Rule 24 of the Andhra Pradesh Civil Services (Conduct) Rules, 1964, under which no Government servant shall bring or attempt to bring any political or outside influence to bear upon any superior authority to further his interest in respect of matters pertaining to his service under the Government. If any representation is received on her behalf from another person in respect of any matter dealt with these

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proceedings, it will be presumed that, Smt R.Hassibunissa, Senior Auditor, O/o the Assistant Audit Officer, State Audit, Srikalahasti, is aware of such a representation and that it has been made at her instance and action will be taken against her for violation of rule 24 of the Andhra Pradesh Civil Services (Conduct) Rules, 1964.

7. The receipt of this G.O. shall be acknowledged.

(BY ORDER AND IN THE NAME OF THE GOVERNOR OF ANDHRA PRADESH)

SHASHI BHUSHAN KUMAR
PRINCIPAL SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT

To
Smt R.Hassibunissa, Senior Auditor, O/o the Assistant Audit Officer, State Audit, Srikalahasti -- through the Director, State Audit Department, AP Mangalagiri
The Director, State Audit, A.P, Mangalagiri - with a request to serve the orders to the individual and furnish the dated acknowledgement and Written Statement of Defense if any immediately to the Government.
Copy to:
The Finance Department, A.P., Secretariat.
The Secretary to the APVC., A.P. Secretariat, Velagapudi.
The PS to Principal Secretary to Government, PR&RD, AP
The Commissioner, Panchayat Raj & Rural Development, Tadepalli, Guntur
SC/SF(1365935).

//FORWARDED::BY ORDER//

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ANNEXURE - I

STATEMENT OF ARTICLES OF CHARGE FRAMED AGAINST SMT R.HASSIBUNISSA. SENIOR AUDITOR

Article of Charge -1

That, the said Smt R.Hassibunissa, Senior Auditor, while functioning as Senior Auditor Office of the Assistant Audit Officer, State Audit, Srikalahasti, Chittoor District has conducted the audit on the accounts of Gram Panchayat, Alathur, B.N.Kandriga Mandal, Chittoor District for the year 2014-15, relating to the contingent expenditure incurred by Gram Panchayat for purchase of certain items of Electrical goods etc., from the Trader M/S Mohan. The contingent bills do not contain the signature of the Panchayt Secretary of said Gram Panchayat which were drawn by the Sarpanch of Gram Panchayat by signing herself were not properly verified in Audit and simply admitted the illegal and irregular payments to the Trader M/S Mohan of B.N. Kandriga Mandal, Chittoor District and it is loss to the Gram Panchayat funds, thereby she violated Rule 3 of A.P. Civil Services (Conduct) Rules, 1964.

Article of Charge - II

That, the said Smt R.Hassibunissa, Senior Auditor while conducting the audit on the Accounts of the afore said Gram Panchayat for the year 2014-15 has derelicted to her legitimate duties as Senior Auditor in conducting the Audit of said Gram Panchayat and admitted in the audit the irregular payments of contingent expenditure of certain purchases through cheque payments to the Trader M/S. Mohan, for the Electrical goods, for which cash payments was made instead of through cheque payment thereby she violated Rule 3 of Civil Servants (Conduct) Rules, 1964.

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ANNEXURE-II

STATEMENT OF IMPUTATIONS OF MISCONDUCT OR MISBEHAVIOUR IN SUPPORT OF ARTICLE OF CHARGE FRAMED AGAINST SMT R.HASSIBUNISSA, SENIOR AUDITOR HAS CONDUCTED THE AUDIT ON THE ACCOUNTS OF ALATHUR GRAM PANCHYAT, B.N. KANDRIGA MANDAL, CHITTOOR DISTRICT.

Every Government Employee shall be devoted to her duty and shall maintain absolute integrity, discipline, impartiality and a sense of propriety. Smt R.Hassibunissa, Senior Auditor has conducted the audit on the accounts of Alathur Gram Panchayat, B.N. Kandriga Mandal, Chittoor District for the year 2014-15. The said Gram Panchayat has incurred expenditure in purchase of certain items of Electrical goods etc., covered in the following contingent bills.

1. No.198 Dated : 10-04-2014 amounting to Rs.6,880/-

The said Senior Auditor has not properly conducted the Audit of said contingent expenditure bills prepared by the said Gram Panchayat which discloses no signature of the Panchayat Secretary on the said contingent bills, but the said expenditure was admitted by her in audit and allowed the irregular and illegal payments to the Trader M/S Mohan of B.N. Kandriga Mandal, this is loss to the funds of Gram Panchayat. The said Auditor has also failed to exercise proper Audit checks and admitted the cash payments that were made by the Gram Panchayat to certain purchased items of Electrical goods etc., instead of cheque payments. This is a clear case of irregular payments to the Trader M/S Mohan of B.N. Kandriga Mandal which is loss to the funds of Gram Panchayat.

The V&E has reported the irregularities in the audit conducted in Alathur Gram Panchyat, B.N. Kandriga Mandal, Chittoor District in their report are formed basis for this disciplinary proceedings.

Hence, the Charges.

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ANNEXURE-III

LIST OF DOCUMENTS BY WHICH THE ARTICLES OF CHARGE FRAMED AGAINST SMT R.HASSIBUNISSA, SENIOR AUDITOR ARE PROPOSED TO BE SUSTAINED:

The Vigilance Report No.21(C.No.450/V&E/D2/2018) dated:29.12.2020 of the Director General, Vigilance & Enforcement Department.

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ANNEXURE-IV

LIST OF WITNESSES BY WHOM THE ARTICLES OF CHARGE FRAMED AGAINST R.HASSIBUNISSA, SENIOR AUDITOR ARE PROPOSED TO BE SUSTAINED.

- NIL-

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